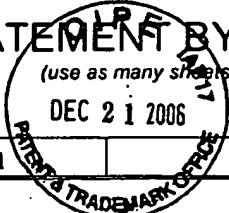
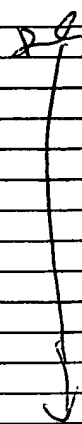

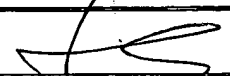


Substitute for Form 1449/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	08/887,680
				Filing Date	July 3, 1997
				First Named Inventor:	Michael Powell
				Art Unit	2155
				Examiner Name	Eng, David Y
				Attorney Docket Number	82225.P0189R
Sheet	1	of	2		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)				
		us-	3,735,355	05-22-1973	Balogh, Jr., et al	
		us-	4,361,868	11-30-1982	Kaplinsky	
		us-	4,445,173	04-24-1984	Pilat, et al	
		us-	4,604,695	08-05-1986	Widen, et al	
		us-	4,679,140	07-07-1987	Gotou, et al	
		us-	4,852,048	07-25-1989	Morton	
		us-	4,868,740	09-19-1989	Kagimasa, et al	
		us-	5,023,777	06-11-1991	Sawamoto	
		us-	5,430,864	07-04-1995	Powell, et al.	
		us-	5,129,070	07-07-1992	Dorotte	
		us-	5,201,039	04-06-1993	Sakamura	
		us-	5,210,839	05-11-1993	Powell, et al.	
		us-	5,253,358	10-12-1993	Thoma, III, et al.	
		us-				
		us-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		EP 0 148 478 A2		07-17-1985	Gotou, et al		
		EP 0 230 351 A3		07-29-1987	Arroyo, et al		

Examiner Signature	DAVID Y. ENG PRIMARY EXAMINER		Date Considered	2/9/07
--------------------	----------------------------------	--	-----------------	--------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SENT FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.
 SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Examiner Signature	DAVID Y. ENG PRIMARY EXAMINER		Date Considered	2/3/0
-----------------------	----------------------------------	---	--------------------	-------

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.58. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Based on Form PTO/SB/08B (08-03) as modified by BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP on 09/10/03.